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## SENATE MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by President Fairchild with all members present except Mr. L. W. Miller, Dr. Purcell, Miss Terrill, Mr. Ullsvik, and Mr. Watterson, all of whom were excused.

Dean Larsen suggested that since it is difficult at times to find him and Miss Brenneman both available at one time for considering graduate application blanks, heads of departments may want to make appointments in advance so as to save time and secure prompt action.

Dean Larsen suggested the possibility of changing the grade point system to give 4 for an hour of "A", 3 for an hour of "B", 2 for an hour of "C", 1 for an hour of "D", and none for "F". He indicated that this would simplify the procedure in using the IBM machines and suggested that it would make no particular difference so far as the grade point average is concerned except that a "C" average would be 2, while on the present system it is 1. The Dean said that the new procedure in using the IBM equipment would make reports available to department heads very soon after grades are reported. It would simplify matters a great deal for the offices of the Dean, the Registrar, and the Recorder. Dean Larsen moved that it be recommended to the faculty that we change our grade points to the 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 basis effective with the opening of the school year in September 1952. Mr. Houston seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Mr. Houston distributed copies of a form letter, which are being mailed out to publicize the educational conference to be held on the campus during the summer session. He reported that folders are also being prepared. He pointed out that the conference this year will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 14, 15, and 16, rather than Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. He asked that members of the Senate feel free to make suggestions in connection with the conference.

President Fairchild welcomed Miss Gueffroy, who attended for the Geography Department in the absence of Mr. Watterson.

The President called attention to the Business-Education Day and the Education-Business Day, which were held April 22 and May 6 respectively in Bloomington. In this connection, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Repogle, Mr. Lovelass, Miss Brenneman, and Mrs. Catey made brief comments concerning attendance at various levels at both meetings. It was generally agreed that these relationships are very profitable.

The President expressed grave concern regarding enrollment for next fall and urged that all possible means be used to assure a large entering group of students. He reported that on May 1 a report from the Office of the Director of Admissions indicated that 115 permits to enter had been issued to beginning freshmen for next fall. He reported that we have no way of comparing this number with a year ago since this is the first year applications are being considered on the basis of seven semesters. In connection with the admissions program, the President called attention to College Day which was held recently. It is believed that this day all in all was quite successful. Appreciation was expressed for departmental follow-up in connection with admissions as well as the many other channels which are being used to interest students in teacher education.

The President called attention to several alumni meetings, which will be held in the near future and suggested that any interested in attending might make that fact known to Mr. Anderson.

The President announced that on Thursday, May 15, Dr. Pois, Director of Finance, of Springfield, will visit our campus. Mr. Bohrer of Bloomington will also visit on the same day. They are both members of the Advisory Committee of the Teachers College Board for Illinois State Normal University.

President Fairchild asked whether members of the Senate had any suggestions to make with reference to personal, departmental, or area matters. Mr. Holmes indicated that he would like to ask for a reaction of some type at the faculty meeting concerning whether or not faculty members would prefer to receive twelve salary checks instead of the nine checks, which are currently being issued for the regular school year. President Fairchild indicated that some reaction on this and similar possibilities might be obtained at the faculty meeting.

Mr. Houston reported difficulty in connection with securing materials through the mailing room or business office if such materials were not requisitioned some months ago. The President indicated that this matter would be considered when Mr. Ensign returns from the national meeting he is attending.

President Fairchild discussed briefly the attendance of faculty members at assemblies regretting that it does not seem possible for any considerable number of faculty members to attend assemblies or other school events at least occasionally. He asked for reactions as to this situation. Several reactions included the fact that there are so many activities, that because of numerous meetings each week time does not seem available, and that there are conflicts with classes being held at that time.

President Fairchild called attention to the regular faculty meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, May 13.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman  
Secretary